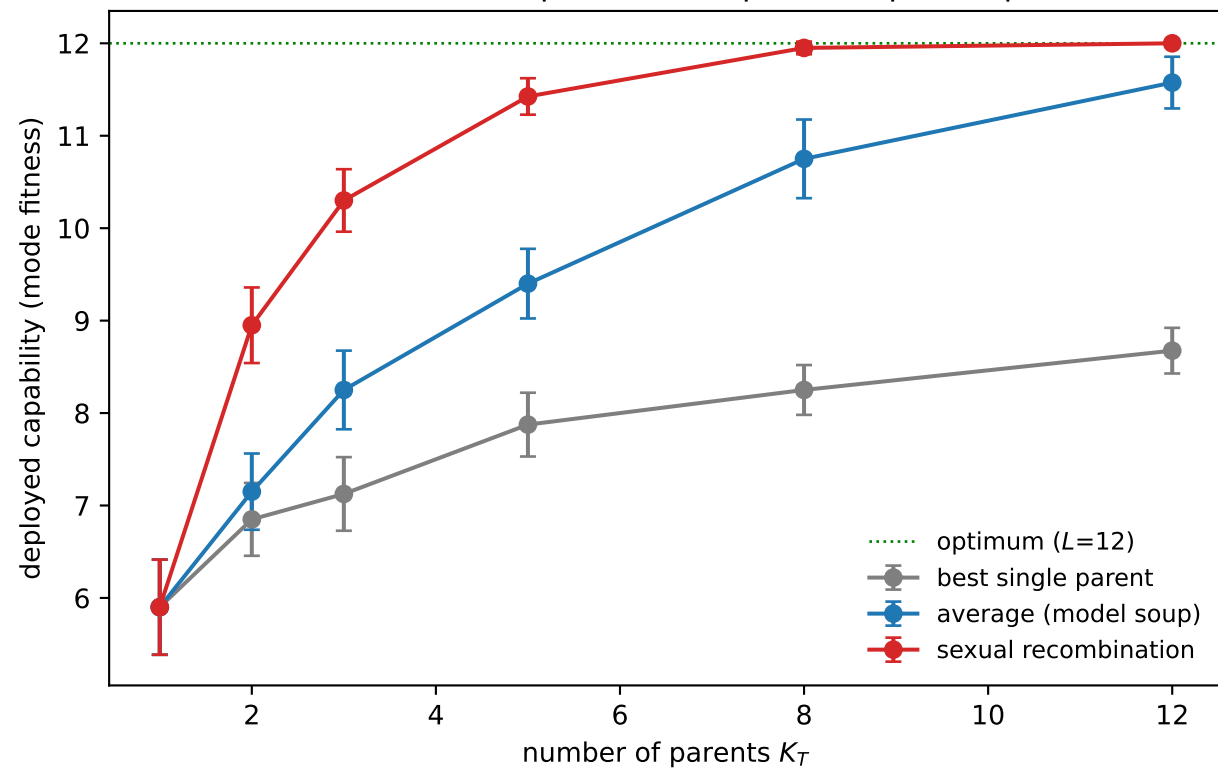


E8 — the vertical claim: an offspring recombined from many decorrelated parents is fitter than any parent (Fisher-Muller; no two-parent limit)

Recombination exceeds any parent ($\rho=0$):
sexual reaches the optimum; soup & best-parent plateau



Decorrelation is the fuel:
 $\rho=0$ climbs to the optimum; $\rho=1$ (clones) buy nothing

